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INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 5th September, 2022

No. MI.44/2021/318.- The Governor of Assam is pleased to enunciate the **"Assam Ethanol Production Promotion (Amendment) Policy, 2022"**. The Policy will come into effect from the date of notification and shall remain in force up to 31st March, 2026.

1. Introduction:

After the existing content under the para "Introduction", the following shall be added:

"In order to strengthen the ethanol production in Assam and further to facilitate the upcoming ethanol units in the State, it has been found expedient to amend the Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021 as "The Assam Ethanol, Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022".

2. Objectives:

There shall be no change in the content of this Para.

3. Coverage and Scope**3.1 Eligibility for type of Units**

Eligibility for type of Units Only green-field standalone distilleries (single feed or dual feed) producing and supplying Ethanol to Oil Manufacturing Companies (OMCs) under Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) of Government of India, shall be eligible for incentive under this Policy.

In case of production capacity proposed by the proponent exceeds production output approved by OMCs in procurement agreement under EBP, such ethanol manufacturing units shall be allowed to sell ethanol to buyers other than OMCs provided the entity does not violate any clauses procurement contract under Ethanol Blending Programme.

3.2 Eligibility for Type of Feedstocks:

There shall be no change in the content of this sub-Para.

4. Incentives to Ethanol Manufacturing Units:

There shall be no change in the content of this Para.

4.1 Guiding Principles

The contents of the sub-para 4.1 shall remain unchanged.

4.2 Incentives under this Policy

100% SGST reimbursement for a period of 5 years, upper limit being 250% of Fixed Capital Investment for ethanol sold to OMCs under contract agreement. [N.B. The upper limit under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 is 150% of Fixed Capital Investment for a period of 15 years]

In place of the existing tabular content of sub-para 4.2, the following shall stand inserted:

Sl. No.	Type of Incentive	Quantum of incentive
1.	Power Subsidy	Eligible entities can claim power subsidy proposed under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 or its future amendments.
2.	Interest Subvention Incentive	5% interest subsidy on working capital loan for 5 years subject to an overall ceiling of INR 50 lakhs per annum; in addition to the 2% interest subsidy offered under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 as per the ceiling mentioned in the policy.
3.	Tax-Related Incentives	100% SGST reimbursement for a period of 5 years, upper limit being 250% of Fixed Capital Investment. [N.B. The upper limit under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 is 150% of Fixed Capital Investment for a period of 15 years].
4.	Exemption of Land Conversion Fees	100% exemption of fees for conversion of class of land to industrial land.
5.	Employment Cost Subsidy	50% reimbursement (in case of male workers) and 100% reimbursement (in case of female workers) of expenditure on account of contribution toward ESI and EPF scheme for a period of 5 years for new units for those employees who are permanent residents of Assam; subject to a maximum limit of INR 1000/- per month per employee.
6.	Skill Development Subsidy	Skill Development Subsidy of INR 20,000 per employee or ASDM rates, whichever is lower. This incentive will be applicable only for training of employees who are permanent residents of the State. Onetime benefit for one employee.
7.	Capital Subsidy	Capital subsidy at 20% of the cost of Plant and Machinery, with maximum INR 8.75 crores.

4.3 Dovetailing with Central and State Government policies and Schemes:

Dovetailing with Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 and other relevant policies of the State Government and Central Government shall be allowed under the Policy, subject to specific conditions as defined in this Policy and its Operational Guidelines to be formulated under Clause 7 of this Policy.

(b) Sub-section 4.3 (a) and (b) under section 4 detailing incentives offered by Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 and NEIDS 2017 stands omitted in Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022.

5. Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal

There shall be no change in the content of this sub-Para.

6. General Conditions

Subsection 6 (iii) of Section 6 detailing liability of ethanol entities stands omitted in Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022

7. Operational Guidelines:

There shall be no change in the content of this Sub-Para.

8. Period of Validity of Policy:

There shall be no change in the content of this Sub-Para.

LAKSHMANAN S.,

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